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DEVICE LINKAGE CONTROL
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced U.S. patent application as follows: